

James Crawford Esq.

Oct 19, 1881.

Supt U. S. Mint,

Canton.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant making requisition for dies for the calendar year 1882.

From the fact that you request a less number of obverse than of reverse dies for gold coinage and no reverse standard dollar dies at all, it would appear that you propose to use in 1882, reverse dies that were sent you for use in 1881.

I have to refer you to the instructions embraced in my letter of October 20, 1880 from which you will see that all obverse dies sent you for 1881, are to be destroyed and all reverse dies sent for that year and not used are to be returned to the Mint at Philadelphia.

The coinage of 1882 will be commenced with an entirely new set of dies numbered in consecutive order for that year. In reporting the destruction and re-shipment of dies, please notify this Office of the numbers of the dies destroyed as well as the numbers of those re-shipped. It is only by a proper observance of the instructions of my letter of Oct. 20th, last, that track can be kept of every die sent you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director